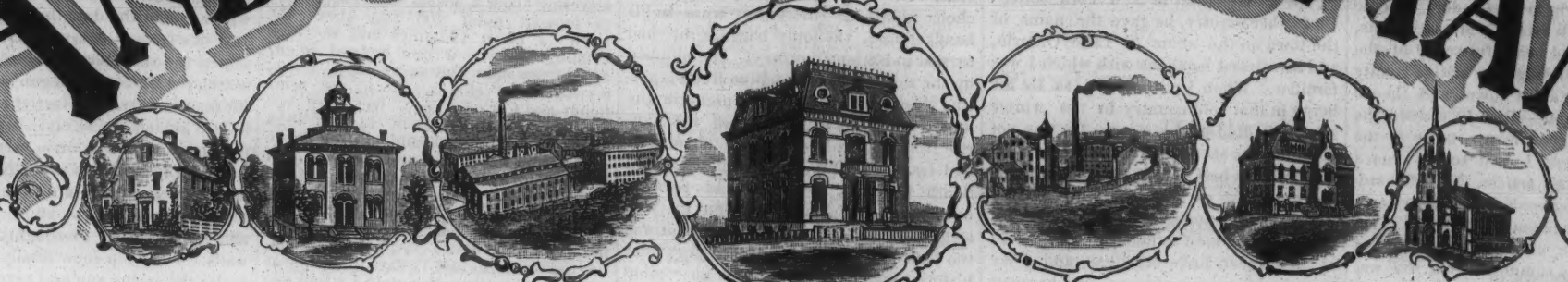


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Summary of Daily News.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6.

Bismarck said to be waiting the Emperor's decision as to the betrothal of Prince Alexander and Princess Victoria.

Village of Rock Falls, Iowa, inundated by a gorge of ice in the Shell-Rock River.

Fires: one of Heywood Chair Co.'s buildings, Fitchburg, \$150,000; Norton Mills at Walpole set on fire with kerosene-soaked rags, but fire extinguished.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7.

Railroad accident on Rutland Road, at Rockingham, Vt.; washout; engineer and fireman killed.

Freshet at West Stockbridge; Shaker Mills dam and bridges carried away.

Bismarck withdraws his resignation, but there is trouble ahead.

Canadian House of Commons votes in favor of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States.

Centennial celebration at Marietta, O.

Fires in Waltham, Melrose, and Palermo, Me., in the latter case nearly a whole village being destroyed.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8.

Gen. Boulanger elected to the chamber of Deputies by large majority.

Meetings of home rulers dispersed in Ireland.

Forest fires in Chatham and Cohasset; Presbyterian church in Kingston, Ont., burned, and Coalton Foundry and Machine Works at Columbus, O.

MONDAY, APRIL 9.

Railroad wreck in New Jersey, caused by a wrong signal; several persons injured.

Empress Victoria visits the flooded districts, and the Emperor decorates Dr. MacKenzie.

The city government of Montreal refusing to clear its streets, which are nearly impassable, the Star newspaper employs several hundred hands to do it, and they are joined by a hundred prominent citizens, with pickaxes and shovels.

Fires: Pemberton and Balch's shoe factory, Groveland, \$10,000; Buell Woolen Mills St. Joseph, Mo.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10.

Henry B. Lovering appointed U. S. Marshall in place of Gen. Banks.
Publication of amnesty degree of pardon for political offenders in Alsace-Lorraine.

Fires: Leyden House, Atlanta, Ga., the guests narrowly escaping, \$23,000; Binghamton (N. Y.) Leader building, 150,000; cottages and business buildings at Tavares, Fla., \$200,000.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.

Extensive and disastrous floods in Minnesota.

Reported safety of Emin Bey, but Stanley not heard from.

Roscoe Conkling, who has been low, reported as having a slight chance of recovery.

Several vessels ashore on Cape Cod as the result of Tuesday night's storm.

Bill for erection of monument to Gen. Warren in Boston passes U.S. Senate.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12.

Congressional deadlock broken, the "direct tax" bill goes over to next session, and the chief filibusterer leads in a "rebel yell."

Mr. Conkling pronounced better—one chance in ten of his recovery.

Empress Victoria says she will "sacrifice her daughter on the altar of the fatherland"—i.e. not let her marry Prince Alexander.

Chronicle Telegraph office burned in Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Wood Mower and Reaper Works in Youngstown, O.

Various News Items.

The most important foreign intelligence this week concerns France and Germany, with just a breath of news from the far-off land of the Moors. General Boulanger was elected last Sunday by an immense majority to the Chamber of Deputies from one of the departments, and has been received with great enthusiasm in Paris. His reappearance at the top of the wave increases the prospect of trouble with Germany, which just now has trouble enough at home.

Whether Battenberg shall marry the Emperor's daughter is the question. Bismarck says, No, but against him are three women, the Empress of India, the Empress of Germany, a royal princess—daughter, mother, and grandmother. It looks now as though the Premier was victorious over the Victorias. It is an open secret that Bismarck resents any interference of the Empress, and won't have her "round" while he is consulting with the Emperor. What seems worse than all, young Wilhelm, the future Emperor, is at deadly enmity with his mother. As Bismarck is his trusted adviser, that feeling is not likely to decrease. Meanwhile, Frederick wants to keep peace in the family and among the nations, to keep Bismarck and yet to be master himself—a difficult task for a sick and dying man.

The trouble between the United States and Morocco, which has reference to the consular protection of residents in that country who are nominally American citizens, is to be "left out" to three arbiters by the Sultan. Dr. Selah Merrill has an able and timely article on the whole subject of Consular Protection in the Boston Journal of last Monday.

The Congressional news is monotonous and vexatious—a long continued deadlock in the House on the matter of the direct tax—i.e. the bill to refund the amounts paid by the loyal states on direct tax levied by Congress in 1861 to carry on the war. The "confederate" members do not wish the northern states repaid, and are filibustering to prevent the passage of the bill. The obstructionists have been successful by all sorts of dilatory procedures in effecting their object. The whole affair is mixed up with party politics, the democrats desiring to pass some tariff bill before their national convention meets, and the republicans decidedly preferring not to have the bill passed in that way. Meantime, the real business of Congress is entirely lost sight of.

The President has nominated Brigadier General Crook, the gallant cavalry officer and Indian fighter to be Major General, and has appointed Henry B. Lovering of Lynn to succeed Gen. N. P. Banks as U. S. Marshall for the district of Massachusetts. This is understood to be in accordance with the

great pressure upon the Executive to waive Civil Service principles and select office-holders from the party in power. Outside the Capitol, the great folk in Washington, including General Sheridan, Secretary Whitney and a number of ladies have been enjoying a "paper chase." The hero of the Winchester ride did not, as might have been expected, win the race, but, instead, our Massachusetts representative, Henry Cabot Lodge. Miss Sprague and Miss McCulloch were counted a tie for the second place, and Mrs. Cleveland pinned the prizes on all the winners.

In the Massachusetts Legislature, the Senate reconsidered its vote on the oleomargarine bill, resulting in its rejection, 19 to 11, and the House defeated by a large majority the bill to allow savings banks to invest in Minnesota bonds. A favorable report was made as to a bill providing for the free instruction of deaf mutes and deaf children. The secretary of the Board of Education recommends a change in the evening school law, so as to make it applicable to towns of 5,000 inhabitants, instead of only to those of 10,000 or over. (This will interest Andover.)

The most important centennial anniversary since the surrender of Yorktown was celebrated last Saturday at Marietta, Ohio. It represented not simply the arrival of that historic band of New England emigrants at the mouth of the Muskingum, April 7, 1788, and the foundation of the great "Northwest Territory," but the famous "Ordinance of 1787," which preceded the purchase, and which prohibited slavery forever in the region between the Ohio and the Mississippi, impressing as Daniel Webster once said, "on the soil itself, while it was yet a wilderness, an incapacity to sustain any other than freemen." The orator of the day was Senator Geo. F. Hoar of Massachusetts, and it is scant justice to say that his address, which was printed entire in Monday's Daily Advertiser, compares favorably, in its broad research, in its masterly grouping of historic events, in its appreciative tributes to great men and great principles, and in its eloquent command of English speech, with the masterpieces of Everett and Webster. The study of this "miracle of history," as the orator termed it, is of special interest in Essex County, as the great enterprise owed its origin and its success largely to Dr. Manasseh Cutler of Hamilton, James Mitchell Varnum of Dracut, and Nathan Dane of Beverly. Dr. Samuel Prescott Hildreth of Methuen, who was a Phillips Academy boy of the last century and studied medicine with Dr. Thomas Kittredge, was one of the early pioneers in Ohio, and the historian of the enterprise. Ex-President Hayes, Hon. J. Randolph Tucker of Virginia, and Dr. Edward Everett Hale, also delivered addresses.

Among the deaths of the past week, may be mentioned the following: at Brooklyn, Maj. Gen. Quincy A. Gillmore, of the United States Army, whose splendid fortifications at Hilton Head early in the rebellion, and later operations against Fort Sumter and Fort Wayne are part of the history of the war; at Orange, N. J., Frederic A. Adams, Ph.D., a native of New Ipswich, who studied at Andover fifty years ago and was several years principal of Dummer Academy; at Cambridge, Henry F. Walling, of the U. S. Coast survey, widely known in connection with "Walling and Gray's" maps and charts.

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Michigan, the Traveller.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TOWNSMAN:

The following reminiscence is suggested by two articles which appeared in your last two issues. In the first "Shawsheen" described his trip over (under) Hoosac Mountain in Western Massachusetts, down the wild and beautiful valley of the Deerfield River through my native county to Greenfield, its shire town, and thence eastward to Boston—albeit he crossed the Connecticut a good many miles to the eastward of where I used to do when a boy! In the other article, Mr. Richardson of the *Congregationalist* describes a recent visit to Lookout Mountain in Tennessee, and the unrivalled grandeur of the view from its summit. That too was my home for several years, and an incident which occurred there connecting the two mountains, interested me so much at the time and still remains so vivid in my mind, that I venture to write it out, as a simple story, without plot or romance, but showing what singular experiences and curious coincidences belong to common life, when by some accident they are brought to light.

On the top of this famous battle-mountain Mr. C. R. Robert, a wealthy and benevolent New York merchant, founded the year after the close of the war a School, which although it ultimately had a college class, he designed rather for a thorough, substantial course in preparatory education. Having a great dislike for "big names," he would not call it a University or even a College, but gave it the short and simple title of "Lookout Mountain Educational Institutions," which the students soon abbreviated into "L. M. E. I." For this school, Mr. Robert bought at a nominal price of the United States Government, a long row of two-story hospital buildings, which had been built at an enormous expense under the direction of the surgeon-in-charge, who, it was thought, had a far-reaching plan of using them when the cruel war was over, as a "Sanitarium," such as he had previously conducted among the Alleghenies. With this view, he bought of the supposed owners a hundred acres of land, more or less, on the plateau and along the eastern bluff of the mountain, extending over the line into Georgia. Then he died. His heirs were glad to sell the land, which with its wood and springs and "corral" and numerous outlying buildings, was all utilized in connection with the school.

After Mr. Robert had spent, through his agents, several thousand dollars in fitting up the establishment, a representative of an old South Carolina family appeared on the mountain, and claimed the whole as his property, his father having bought the land many years before, although he had neglected to register his deeds. Thereupon ensued a long and vexatious litigation, which however has nothing to do with my reminiscence, although it had much to do with the peace of mind of the managers of the institution, and with Mr. Robert's decision in 1872 to close the school and transfer its funds to the college called after his name at Constantinople. It may be added that Dr. Bancroft of Phillips Academy was for several years the Principal of the "L. M. E. I.," and that it had become a widely known and useful institution, fulfilling in a good degree the purpose of its founder, to have a non-partisan, non-sectarian school in the heart of the South, over which the American flag should float, and in which white youth—even the poorest—might obtain the elements of a thorough, loyal, Christian education.

On one of the last days of March, 1871, a young man appeared at the Superintendent's office in the Institution, and asked for work. His clothing was poor and patched, his coat a mere apology, his hat a fragment. All his worldly goods seemed to be contained in a large handkerchief, which bundle he carefully deposited on the floor by his side. Despite his shabby appearance and somewhat comical manner, it could be seen that he was "nobody's fool." What interested me most was his unmistakably Yankee accent, although he took pains to say that he was from South Carolina, and had been referred to me by Mr. Cravens, the owner of the

well-known house on the battle-field, which had been occupied by both armies successively as headquarters.

He evidently thought we were Southerners, and so preferred that we should regard him as a Southerner also. Although there was no employment for him, I was curious to know his history, and in the course of conversation I asked him if he had ever travelled in the Northern states. "Yes," he replied with a little hesitation, "I spent one winter in New York state." On further inquiry, he gave the name of the town on the shore of Lake Ontario, and mentioned localities with which I was familiar. When I pressed him as to his being in that cold country in the winter season, he told me his story. He was not a Southerner at all, but a Michigander. A year and a half before he had left his home with the earnest desire to see the world,—and if possible to cross the ocean. When he had seen so much of the world as lay between Lake Michigan and Lake Ontario, his money gave out, and he spent the winter with an uncle whom he had never before seen in Oswego County. He described to me with pleasing accuracy the common schools, singing schools, the spelling schools, and other characteristics of "the East."

But when spring came, he could delay no longer the great aim of his soul, and, taking what little means he had earned, started for New York. He saw the sea, but could see no ships that wanted a sailor. Then he resolved to traverse the interior—no matter where, only to see what was new and strange. He went up the Hudson River, visited Lake George, Ticonderoga, and other places of interest, and then concluded to visit the state of Massachusetts, which he had heard so much about. I had heard much about it too, and begged him to describe particularly what he saw in that state. After a little time in the Berkshire Hills, he continued his way—all the time on foot—from town to town over the Hoosac Mountain. The "Troy and Greenfield Railroad" was not then completed, and he went over the tunnel, not through it, stopping however at the central shaft and going down to see just how it was done. He spoke with great admiration of the wild scenery as he walked down the Deerfield valley.

When he left Shelburne Falls, I asked him to "go slow," and when he reached Greenfield, which he said was the next town, and a beautiful town, I asked for a minute description. He gave it—the depot, the big church, the little common, the hotels, the business streets—pointing out the very bookstore where in other days I had been a clerk. Thence he went up to Turner's Falls—which I had so often visited in my boyhood, when there was no city at all, only "the Falls." He went over J. Russell & Co's Cutlery works, and the next morning was ready to plod on his way to Brattleboro. It was, he said a warm day in August, and it was certainly getting "very warm" to me, for I knew that his natural route would pass through my native town. For a wonder he could not recall the name of the next town—it was only a small town compared with Greenfield. But he said he could remember just how it looked, and I requested him to tell me just how it looked. Well, as he approached the village, the road went under a railroad culvert, and near by was a high stone bridge across a river. He went into a store—it was a brick store, on the edge of the village green, with a door at each end, through which blew a refreshing breeze, as he sat there resting and talking that hot forenoon. He said he remembered it so well that he could make a map of it; when I seemed to doubt that, he immediately took a piece of chalk and drew upon the floor a plan of the village—store and common, the roads that crossed and the houses on the corners, the churches on opposite sides of a street, and a smaller one, past which he went on his way to Brattleboro.

I could not keep back my feelings longer: "you are all right, young man! That is my native village—that is my mother's house—I used to play under that culvert, at that grist-mill by the bridge, on that green—back of the store is the rock which my playmate and I tried to dig up in order to open a short cut to China? You can have all the work you want!" Now was the young traveller's turn to be surprised: "why," said he, "I thought you was a Southerner!"

Afterwards, he told me the story of his subsequent travels. He visited Boston, got no chance to ship, and started on an extensive tour through the Southern states, walking nearly all the way, never begging, but stopping occasionally to work for a farmer, long enough to replenish his wardrobe and get a little traveling-money ahead. The greatest wonder he had visited was Luray Cavern in Virginia, where he had got some beautiful stalactites or stalagmites, or some other choice specimens—there they were in his handkerchief, the only baggage he had carried in his long journey! He climbed up the steep sides of the Blue Ridge, getting lost and spending all night in the lonely woods, that he might see the sunrise from the Peaks of Otter! Thence, he had travelled through North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and perhaps other states, and now was on his way somewhere else! Lookout Mountain was too famous a place in natural scenery and history to pass by. There was no "cable car" in those days—our "ordinary locomotive" was a quartette of "little mules"—"the rat-team," Dr. Barnes Sears used to call it. But the Michigander crossed Chattanooga Creek, and, leaving the ordinary road, climbed up the ridge to the plateau of "the battle above the clouds," and then up the palisades to "Point Lookout." The view here was so grand—of mountain ranges, one beyond the other, of the winding Tennessee with the great Moccasin Bend below—seven states were visible, Kentucky being somewhat dimly represented by Cumberland Gap—that the traveller wanted to stay here a week and take it in.

Returning that evening from Chattanooga, I asked Albert Barnes—not the commentator, but a good old uncle who toted wood fed the pigs and drove the one-mule dump-cart—how the work had gone that day. The old negro was "full of tickle" as he described how "that ar Yankee feller" managed with the great rock cistern, which was being pumped out preparatory to getting in fresh water for the summer. He called for water-pipe, screwed several lengths together, made a syphon, dropped the lower end over the bluff, and all day long the water was running out, while the delighted darkies sat on "the verande," and enjoyed the success of philosophy applied to pumping! When the Yankee boy was questioned as to his scientific knowledge, he replied with a laugh: "Oh! that is the way I used to get milk from my mother's pans in Michigan, without disturbing the cream!"

"Michigan"—for that was what he was universally called—was made assistant gardener, stretched up a hammock in the old hospital ward used as a garden house, and with a line fastened to a hook in the wall swung himself to sleep, to the great amusement of the negroes. With the wild scenery of the mountain about him—bluff and gorge, lake and falls, "battle-ground and cave"—he was persuaded to stay for several months, getting into communication with the "old folks at home," who were glad enough to hear from their prodigal son. But on the first days of October, as I was starting for a vacation trip to the Rocky Mountains, his old passion for travel was revived—he must travel and see new mountains too—and on the same day started southward along the ridge of old Lookout, a new suit of clothes on his back, an unusual supply of money in his pocket, a stout staff in one hand, and his precious handkerchief-full of Luray crystals in the other. He went off with a song, with the good wishes of all, and with admiration of the genius by which, though a poor boy, having neither gold nor silver in his purse, nor knapsack for his journey, neither two coats, he should travel over half the country at his leisure, and—what was quite as remarkable—be able without journal or memorandum, to remember every date, every city and village, every street and house, every hill and brook and cave, in his long tour.

"Michigan's" prospective ideal was the Andes Mountains, and whenever I have thought of him since, I have imagined him as climbing the highest peak in the South American range, or floating down the Amazon in a canoe he had made with his own hands. Last year I drew a bow at a venture and addressed him at his old home in Michigan, and, to my surprise, received a prompt answer. It had his full name and address in stencil plate at the

top of the sheet, and below his letter, written partly in red ink and partly in blue. Its description has so much of the tone of the boy-traveller that we give a part of it.

"I am still alive and have a Wife and 4 Children. I live just outside of the Corporation of—I own 20 achers of the best of land 1 horse and buggy 2 Cows and 1 heffer 1 hog hens chickens and ducks Cat and bird. I have a good wife she weighs 202 pounds I raise a market garden I have a private park Covering about 4 achers with observatory or lookout point 200 feet above the town I clean Chimnies and do high Climing I have a fine orchard of 57 apple trees and a fine sugar bush. 8 years ago I clim a tree to get some honey and Cut off a lim 33 feet high and another dead limb about 12 feet high above me fell on my head and I fell to the ground and was picked up for dead. but the lord spared my life and I am the only one living out of 6 that Got hurt that fall I went to the Centennial in 1876 at philadelphia and was gone from home 4 months and 7 days. I well remember the 6 months and 11 days that I spent with you at lookout Mountain I struck the Colage the 24 day of March 1871 and left the 3 day of october 1871. I followed on top of the mountain 60 miles and 20 miles at the foot of it it is 80 miles long and from a few yards to 10 miles wide and from 22 to 6 hundred feet high the first place that I stopped to work was taladega Alabama I worked in a tanary I then went to Montgomery and then to pensicola florida and at a rosa island in the gulf of Mexico and from thair to Mobeal and from thair to New orleans and up the river to Natchese Baton Rushe and Vixburg and out through the Country and through the Cain Brake and Crossed the river into Arkansas and to little Rock then through woods and over Mountains to fort Smith in indian territory I stayed with the senica and quapa tribes fort skot kansas kansas city Mo and Mound City the home of John Brown Nebraska City and oma haw Nebraska and Council bluffs loa and souix city and souix falls city Dakota and then through Minasota to the Mississippi river and down the river to Glenhaven Wisconsin and debuke lanning and Clinton ioway and Crossed the river to illinois to sterling dixon and Chicago ill and around the lake to lake station indiana and out to elkhart indiana then to Kallimazoo Michigan and then home Gone over two years traveled in 31 states and 2 territories traveled over 500 miles and now I am back to—and have settled down for life and today I am taking care of my 4 Children and My Wife is off taking Care of the sick I think that if I could see you I could Talk about 3 days, please Write Again."

MOCCASIN.

AULD LANG-SYNE.

A Snow-Storm Incident of Fifty Years Ago.

At the time of the tragic incident here related, which must have been about 1840 as nearly as we can get it, there lived in a cabin on the North Andover road opposite the farmhouse of Plato Eames (the old Clark place), two negro women, Harriet and Dinah Dole—I do not know whether these women were related to the Caesar and Dudley Dole of the old powder mill or not. The house was convenient to the location of the mill, and it is possible that they are remnants of that family. Dudley was probably Caesar's son and Dinah was enough older than Harriet to be her Aunt. Harriet was about forty years of age. They had been trained from childhood in Dr. Abiel Pierson's family and in mature life made an excellent assistant in many households about the town, among others, that of the father of the late Dr. Howarth who then resided in Abbott Village on the estate still in the family. For a long time Harriet had shown signs of mental disturbance, making people uneasy in regard to their duty of interfering. In high winds and storms she was much excited and took a notion that Squire Clark's folks had ill-will to her, and intended to burn her out.

One very stormy night, when every body asleep in the village the Howarth family were aroused by the appearance of Harriet in their house. She had walked in at the back door accidentally left unlocked, and being attached to Mrs. Howarth came to her in her trouble. She told them the usual story about the Clarks. Said Dinah was all right. She had got her safe over the fence where they could not find her. They did not think then that she could have wrought any ill to Dinah who seemed to be capable of caring for herself, so they soothed Harriet, got off her wet clothes, and got her in bed, intending at daybreak

to get her back home some how. But very early, it was discovered that she was off again this time without clothing, and in danger of freezing to death if prompt action was not taken. Parties of strong young men started in all directions. My father and uncle joined in the search, and they have related how they finally traced the wandering circles in the deep snow up over Stony Brook through the fields back of Hiram French's, over the hill side below the Perry place, on to some point between the Church place and Prof. Tucker's where late in the day they found her at rest safe from all storms. Her body was sent to the almshouse for burial, and the search for Dinah was begun and continued for many weeks. As Harriet said, she had indeed hidden her safely. My father says the boys and young men used to devote Sunday afternoons to this object and often they have been within a yard of her resting place prodding the snow with sticks, and in searching thoroughly along the walls. The deep snow finally disappeared under the spring sun and revealed old Dinah within a few yards of her home. Just over the fence in Cummings' woods, sitting upright dressed in her best, her lap full of provisions, with a watch and other trinkets they both valued. She probably slept and died without pain while poor Harriet in her delirium strove to reach her and shield her from danger.

We find on the town records, under date of Dec. 16, 1839, the deaths of Harriet Dole, aged 35, and Dinah Chadwick, 78. Caesar Dole "died at the Almshouse," March 25, 1821, aged 89. Dudley Dole "died at the Almshouse," Nov. 24, 1835, aged 59. Tamar, wife of Caesar Dole, died May 22, 1816, aged 76. Jenny, wife of Dudley Dole, Blackman, died, April 15, 1821, aged 47. Timan Chadwick and Flora Dole, negroes, were married Nov. 23, 1779.

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CHILDREN'S CIRCLE.

A Game for Children.

In this game the party sit in a circle; one throws a handkerchief at another, and calls out "Air!" The person whom the handkerchief hits must call eagle, vulture, lark, seamew, partridge, woodcock, snipe, or some other bird belonging to the air, before the caller can count ten, which he does in a loud voice and as fast as possible. If a creature which does not live in the air is named, or the person fails to speak quickly enough, a forfeit must be paid. The person who catches the handkerchief throws it to another in turn, and calls out "Earth!" The person who is hit must call out elephant, horse, dog, cat, mouse, Guinea pig, ox or any other creature which lives upon the earth, in the same space of time as allowed before; then throw the handkerchief to another, and call out "Water!" The one who catches the handkerchief observes the same rules as the preceding, and is liable to the same forfeits, unless he calls out immediately, trout, mackerel, herring, sole, or the name of some fish that lives in the water. Any one who mentions a bird, beast or fish twice is likewise liable to a forfeit. If any player calls "Fire!" every one must keep silence, because no creature lives in that element.—Exchange.

In a recent examination under the United States civil service rules in this city, one of the geography questions propounded was: "Name the highest mountain peaks in the United States." One of the answers was: "Pike's Peak, Chesapeak and Peek-a-booo."

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Ladies' Day of Essex Farmers' Institute.

The following is the *New England Farmer's* condensed report of a recent Farmers' Institute of the Essex Agricultural Society, the farmers taking with them their wives—and the latter apparently doing most of the talking. Why would this not be a good plan to give life to our Farmers' Club—encourage their wives to come, and appoint them to read papers on some topics of common interest?

Thursday, March 29th, was dark and rainy, but Plummer Hall, Salem, was well filled with Essex county farmers and their wives. The opening paper was presented by Mrs. Martha De M. Gage of Bradford entitled, "The American farmer, his blessings and privileges." Our agricultural population differs from that of any other country in that it has never constituted a peasantry in any sense of the term. Our tillers of the soil are just the same kind of men as are those who follow any of the so-called professions or business pursuits. Of the children of a family, one went to the city and became a merchant, another became a judge, another a mechanic, and made the labor-saving machinery which a brother who chose farming as his pursuit successfully used. The educational advantages are the same, as was the early home training, and the conditions of American society have made it possible for the farmer to have equal social advantages, equal rank, and equal influence. The American farmer has the best tools and machinery of any in the world. Here no standing army absorbs the best years of the lives of our people, compelling military service from the male portion until an age is reached when farming as a pursuit is impracticable if not distasteful, and constraining the women to tasks for which they were never made or fitted.

The speaker made a very favorable showing for the laborer on our farms as compared with those of other countries, and her paper was received with much pleasure by the audience.

The next paper was given by Miss Lizzie J. Huntington on "The grange from a woman's standpoint." This was the best of the programme, and will appear in full in another issue.

The subject in the afternoon was "The influence of flowers on national growth," the essay being given by Mrs. Fannie A. Deane of Edgartown, and listened to by all present with close attention and great pleasure.

The Wife's Share.

In the same journal we find report of another woman's sentiments, the subject under discussion being "Ought the farmer's wife to have equal share and voice in the expenditures and receipts of the farm?" The paper was read by Mrs. C. E. Boyles before the Worcester Central Grange:

Take pains to show your interest in all the farm operations, but do not try to exert too much authority regarding outdoor matters, as no man likes to have a woman domineer over him. A woman's province is her household; the marketing of produce, etc., must be left to her husband, and her voice in this matter would not be agreeable.

There is too much complaint made of the drudgery of farm life and too many articles written, setting forth the trials of over-worked wives wearing out their lives on the farm; if a woman's work is never done, and her life a treadmill and each day a repetition of the previous day, so is the life of any who has to work. A farmer's wife has a wider field of variation

and change than the wife of any other laboring man. There is no situation in life where the resources are equal to those of country life; there are many privileges, and that of having a horse to use whenever you please is not to be overlooked; you can usually obtain this recreation by right management.

Women should be ready to adopt improved methods of work and not cling to old ways when newer ones save time and labor. The improvement and welfare of the farm is not promoted by wasting time and strength in sewing rags for carpets, in ripping and washing old garments for the same. There should not be untimely demands for money. Some women are so foolish in regard to money matters, that it is small wonder men find it hard to believe them capable of holding the purse strings. Let the farmer's wife endeavor to make the best of things, make the most of her own mission, and find the bright side of life; the chance to have her needs supplied is pretty sure to come.

Danvers Hens.

I have a brood of chicks hatched last July, and they began to lay on January 8th; kept it up all through January and February, and for 14 days ending March 17th I had ten pullets in a coop by themselves and they laid 120 eggs; and the next seven days I had seven pullets in the coop, which laid 42 eggs. I have kept nearly all breeds of hens, but never had any equal these for laying.

—E. R. Perkins in Salem Gazette.

What a man—be he young, old, or middle-aged—sows, that, and nothing else, shall he reap. The one thing to do with wild oats is to put them carefully into the hottest part of the fire, and get them burnt to dust, every seed of them.—*Thomas Hughes.*

The creamery at Big-Foot, Ill., is the largest in the world, it is believed. It manufactured \$200,000 worth of butter in 1887, some days making as much as 45,000 pounds. It is a cream-gathering institution.

"What we want," writes the secretary of a creamery association, "is more cows giving milk in winter." This is the story all around. Now, farmers, if you mean business, why not put yourselves into the shape to get the most possible out of it? If you go into butter dairying then go in to win, and shape your work accordingly. These creameries are no experiment now, and there need be no holding back or hesitation on your part.—*Maine Farmer.*

Chips and Clips.

A Minneapolis architect is reported as about to erect an iron building twenty-eight stories high. The Western people are famous for their stories, but this must be irony. Perhaps, however, they hope to get apartments far enough above zero to avoid freezing to death during the winter blizzards.

Paper is now to be used in the manufacture of bottles. Their weight is less than glass or stone ware, and they are less liable to break.—*Exchange.*

Besides, there will be the advantage of selling the second-hand bottles for old paper—even Joseph Kimball did not mention that in his lecture on the Arts of the Future!

She had a voice like a siren, and when she sang—
"Mid play sure, sand palaces, though
heam a Rome,
Be it averse, oh wum bull there, snow
play sly com.
H, arm from thesk eyeseam slew wallow
a sheer.

Witch seek through the whirl disneerm
et twithel swear!"

There wasn't a dry eye in the tabernacle, but if the programme hadn't said in clear, unmistakable print that she was going to sing "Sweet Home," a man might have thought his teeth loose without ever guessing it.

—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Magistrate (to prisoner)—"You say, Uncle Rastus, that you took the ham because you are out of work and your family are starving. And yet I understand that you have four dogs about the house." Uncle Rastus—"Yes, sah, but I wuddent ask my family to eat dogs, yo' honah!"
New York Sun.

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We have news (ninety years old) from the West Parish in relation to Parson French's Osgood district school-house, referred to in last week's Auld lang-syne column, but the long story about "Michigan, the Traveller," crowds it out this week.

The selection on the sixth page—"A Sleighing Party from Andover to Haverhill"—should have been credited to the *New York Times*. It was handed us by an Andover gentleman, who may have been one of the victims of the mistake. Whether the names are real or fictitious, does not appear; if the former, it would almost seem as some names were in the wrong sleigh as well as their owners!

One of the Boston dailies which likes to print that kind of stuff for its readers, had a long account on Tuesday morning of a prize fight the night before, with the usual disgusting details of a scene in which two men tried to bruise each other's faces and smash each other's heads. As the report was dated Andover, it may be well to say that the brutal contest did not occur on Andover Hill, whose polemics are in intellectual and theological lines alone—but (as has since been learned) in an old barn on an uninhabited place near the North Reading and Middleton line, entirely out of the beat even of the night-watchman.

Mayor Hewitt of New York is not through with trouble yet in consequence of his position on the Irish flag question. It will be remembered that he declined to review the St. Patrick's Day parade, and ordered the flag of the country and the flag of the city to be hoisted on that day, but not any foreign flags, declaring that it would not be right for him to recognize one foreign nationality more than another. The Aldermen having passed a resolution taking the power of displaying flags out of the hands of the Mayor and vesting it in the Aldermen, Mayor Hewitt vetoed the resolution. But his communication was received in contempt, and a motion that its reading be suspended upon a rising vote. But Mayor Hewitt is right notwithstanding his brave defence of sound principle as against expediency. He is right in the declaration that all foreign born citizens have equal rights before our laws with native-born Americans, and that American ideas, not foreign ideas, must rule our country. Thinking Irishmen will see that that is their own doctrine of home rule applied in their adopted country. We wish the democrats would nominate Abram S. Hewitt for President, we would vote for him, unless the other party put up a still better man!

ANDOVER NEWS.

The members of Christ Church parish gave on Monday evening a hearty welcome in the Parish Building to their new rector and his wife. The rooms were tastefully decorated with pot-plants and cut flowers. H. C. Tanner, the well-known Haverhill caterer, served a bountiful repast to the satisfaction of all present. Andover adds its greeting to that of Christ Church, in welcoming Mr. Palmer to citizenship and public service in our town.

The Trustees of the Andover Savings Bank at their meeting on Tuesday declared a semi-annual dividend to its depositors of 2 1/2 per cent, payable June 20.

A sermon was preached at the Old South church, Boston, last Sunday morning, by Rev. Geo. A. Gordon, the pastor, as a memorial of Madame Johnson, whose death was recorded last week, and who had been for over half a century identified with the activities of that church.

Rev. F. B. Makepeace and wife are taking a few days' outing, spending it mostly in Washington. If he has time, we wish he would lobby a bill through Congress and the Executive Mansion for an appropriation for a public building at Andover, which, besides the Post office, and police headquarters, might contain a hall for the "People's Lectures."

J. E. Sears has bought for (\$3750) the Dea. Joshua Blanchard place on Puncture Avenue, which he will occupy after making some repairs.

The Farmers' club meeting Thursday evening, was the last regular meeting of the season, and, in the estimation of some, was the best. Messrs. Holt, Carruth and Andrews, of the Creamery Committee reported briefly as the subject of their correspondence and investigations that they felt assured of the success of a Creamery in Andover, if established. A fuller report is to be made at a special meeting, two weeks from last night, i. e. April 26, when one or more gentlemen from abroad, personally acquainted with the Creamery business, will speak upon the subject. Mr. M. C. Andrews made report for the Tree Committee of the Club. The subject of the evening was upon the mutual relation of the mechanical, mercantile, educational and agricultural interests, and was discussed in a most interesting manner by Messrs. Saunders, Sheldon and Carruth. Messrs. Wilbur, Wardwell and Cummings added brief remarks, and Mr. Joseph W. Smith read an address on the Tariff Question delivered in Andover sixty years ago by his father, the late Mr. John Smith. This was listened to with great interest, and will be printed in full in the TOWNSMAN of next week. The meeting adjourned after Mr. Smith had told an amusing story, relevant to the milk business.

One of the names in the Advertised Letters of this week affords a curious instance of the exceeding vitality of a small joke. Postmaster Goldsmith informs us that letters and postal cards are constantly received here addressed:

WOOD
JOHN
MASS.

Ex-postmaster Marland says that it was not only so through his administration, but that it was a joke in his boyhood. It might be proved, however, that this traditional jest has a historical basis, and "Wood John" to have had a "local habitation and a name" in "Andover, Mass." John Wood, son of John and Mary, was born in Andover in 1764, was married in 1786, and died ("at the Almshouse") in 1831. At the time of his death, there was also a boy in Andover by the name of John Underwood, but he died soon after. As this party, whichever he may have been, has been dead over fifty years, we respectfully suggest to his numerous and various correspondents the utter uselessness of addressing him any longer at this office.

Miss Margaret C. Meldrum, daughter of Wm. Meldrum of this town, who has been during the past winter at Jacksonville, Fla., was married last week to Mr. E. J. Rowe of that place. Mrs. Rowe has many friends in Andover who will join heartily in wishing her many pleasures in her new home. They are to reside in Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Rowe holds the position of ass't sup't of the Home Insurance Building.

John H. Deane has recently made large additions to his stock of ready-made clothing, hats, and furnishing goods all designed for the spring trade. A call will pay intending purchasers.

Mr. Peter Shevlin will make quite extensive alterations at the Connell place which he recently purchased. The house will be raised, an L added and a cellar put under all. Geo. S. Cole does the work.

The Andover Brass Band has its second benefit concert tonight at the Town Hall, the tickets for which are on sale at the Andover Bookstore. The Phillips Banjo Club is to give selections also, and the whole performance will be a treat to the people who have an ear for music. We print the programme entire:

Overture,	"Carnival,"	Southwell
Banjo Selections,		
Song,	"She's Fairer than the May,"	Fydenham
Gavotte,	"Miss Nellie Burnham,"	Casey
Cornet Solo,	"Lover's Dream,"	E. Woodman
Schottische,	"Morcean de Concert,"	
Piccolo Solo,	Mr. A. E. Hulme,	Planquette
	"Chimes of Normandy,"	Read
	"Les Canaries,"	
Overture,	Mr. E. R. Foster,	Bouillon
Song,	"Belle of the Village,"	Poulet
	"Till for Tat,"	
Waltzer,	Miss Nellie Burnham,	Batiffort
Banjo Selections,	"Fantine,"	
	Phillips Banjo Club,	
Finale,	"Bruder Lustig,"	Budick
	C. H. Newton, Conductor.	

Mrs. Mary A. Davis has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Way, in Boston.

M. Edward Guttererson, for several years past the purchasing agent of the Craighead & Kintz M'fg Co. at Ballardvale, leaves that position next Monday, to enter the employ of Boutwell Bros., iron and steel merchants, Lowell and Boston.

Geo. F. Swift has been improving the interior of his house on Main St.

The Christian Endeavor societies in town are taking preliminary steps toward a May breakfast to be given at the Town Hall, May morning, the proceeds to go for some worthy charitable object. This is a sign of life in the right direction and we hope they will carry it through.

Hardy & Cole are building a new porch and otherwise improving the appearance of Arthur W. White's house on High St.

The Steamer Company were out for practice Tuesday night, and the new horses were used for the first time, behaving in a satisfactory manner.

The Y.P.S.C.E. of the South church held an enjoyable sociable at their vestry last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. L. Waterman has been taking a much needed rest at Providence, R. I., since the Easter week so busy for all florists, and particularly so at the High St. greenhouses this year.

Mrs. J. R. Bodwell and Mrs. Paine of Hallowell, Me., have been visiting the past week at Mr. Henry Bodwell's.

Puncture commenced again, Wednesday.

Our readers will not forget that Camilla Urso, the famous violinist, is to be at the Town Hall on Monday evening, April 23. The tickets can be obtained at the Andover Bookstore. It is said that she is the only violinist who can bring out people in New York city. This season, apart from her own concerts, she has played at the Philharmonic Society, at the Symphony concerts, and with Theodore Thomas' Orchestra. Her name brought the largest houses of the season, and her playing of Beethoven, Rubinstein and Mendelssohn concertos, the greatest works written for violin and orchestra, created immense enthusiasm.

Of Madame Camilla Urso's violin the Boston correspondent of the New York Musical Courier says: "Her noble Joseph Guarnerius' violin of surpassing beauty of tone is a marvel of mellifluous and sonorous tone quality. I have heard fabulous sums quoted as the price paid by the artiste for this gem of the old Cremonese maestro, some mounting as high as 60,000 francs. I have never heard a tone equal to it, save in a violin the property of Mr. Pestel, a Russian gentleman who resided in Leipzig during my student years there."

At the meeting of the Andover Association of ministers with Rev. H. H. Leavitt of North Andover, on Tuesday, Rev. J. J. Blair was moderator, and Prof. Taylor presented an admirable paper on Phenicia and the Phenicians. Rev. J. W. Haley, formerly of Andover, read a paper on The Observance of Fast, as it appears in the New Testament and in Church History.

The Newburyport Herald has a very complimentary notice of a recent lecture delivered by Mr. Joseph Kimball of this town before the Rockingham Co. (N. H.) branch of the W.C.T.U.

Mr. Robert S. Hill is seriously ill at his home on Maple Avenue. Dr. Abbot is attending him.

Warren L. Johnson, after a year of special study at Bussey Institute upon Trees and Shrubs, is now employed in Manning's Nursery at Reading. He is occasionally in Andover, taking orders, and is cordially recommended to our citizens.

Miss Eliza Farnum of Salem has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Darius Richardson.

At a meeting of the Trustees in Boston, on Monday, Rev. Samuel Harris, D.D., LL.D., of Yale College, was appointed Southworth lecturer on Congregationalism in the Seminary for the current year. The lectures, ten or twelve in number, will be given in May. At the same time, Rev. E. B. Andrews, D.D., LL.D., of Brown University (formerly Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Newton Seminary), was appointed Lecturer on the Winkley Foundation. This course of twelve lectures is also to be given during the present Seminary term, the subject being The Religious and Ethical Relations of Political Economy.

By invitation of the students of Phillips Academy, Prof. John M. Tyler of Amherst College gave on Tuesday evening in Academy Hall a very scholarly and instructive lecture on Instinct.

The Merrimack Valley Congregational Club had a nice time in Lowell, Monday evening, President Wm. P. Anderson of Lawrence in the chair. Rev. Dr. Twombly of Charlestown made an excellent address on "The Minister's view of Christianity and Politics," ex-Mayor Stott giving the layman's view. Dr. Smith Baker, Wm. M. Rogers, Esq., of Methuen, Mr. David Kinlay of North Andover, Dea. Joshua Clark of Tewksbury, and Rev. Worcester Willey of Andover also spoke. Joseph S. Holt, David Middleton and Samuel H. Boutwell of Andover were elected members.

Mr. Harleston Parker.

Editor of the Andover Townsman:

In your notice last week of the death of Mr. Harleston Parker, an error occurs in that part of it referring to the parentage of Mrs. Parker. She is a daughter of the late eminent oculist and physician Dr. Edward Reynolds of Boston, and sister of Dr. John Reynolds, upon whom the mantle of his father worthily falls. Her mother was a sister of Wendell Phillips.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without testifying to the many good qualities of Mr. Parker. He was a devoted and affectionate husband and father and a true friend, also an educated and refined gentleman. His amiability and uniform cheerfulness of disposition and almost exceptional power of anecdote, rendered him at all times a most acceptable and rare companion. He had seen much of the world and of men, and possessed the rare talent of imparting to others in a most interesting and instructive manner the result of his observations. His was one of those bright, sunny natures with which it is difficult to associate the idea of death. His departure creates a void never to be filled in the hearts of many devoted friends. To his family it proves an overwhelming loss.

Cecil K. Bancroft is delayed in his return to Yale by a severe cold.

Break-down and smash-up this morning—Rea & Abbott's butcher-cart; axle-tree broken; no lives lost; orders delivered with promptness and dispatch as usual.

Rev. Mr. Lawrence's lectures on Missions at Bartlet Chapel have been attended during the past week with increased interest, the topics treated being The Entrance on Work, Problems of the Work, and The Mission Home and Rest. Mr. Lawrence addressed the students of Phillips Academy on Thursday morning, and the young ladies at Abbot on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Who wants to buy, hire, lease, loan, trade or sell anything? For an answer look each week in the advertising columns of the TOWNSMAN.

Your immediate attention is called this week to Miss Neal's annual spring announcement for the ladies and Bradley's for the gentlemen. C. H. Breen's carriages for sale Auctions at the late Rev. Charles Smith's and at Ballardvale. Eggs for hatching delivered by Mr. Trow. Shoats for sale by D. Jameson. Whittings new line of ladies bags, and last—but what will prove far from least—the announcement of the Camilla Urso concert company. Each of these will interest some one, and will be found on the third, fifth and eighth pages of this issue.

Rev. C. C. Torrey of Harvard and Rev. Andrew Read have been spending a few days in town hearing the Hyde Lectures on Missions. Both were formerly missionaries in the Indian Territory.

T. A. Holt & Co. have purchased a handsome pair of horses from S. G. Bean.

Michael T. Welch has resigned his position as night-watchman.

The Selectmen have placed the granting of permits to tramps for lodgings at the Almshouse in the hands of Chief of Police Cheever. All gentlemen desiring entertainment at the Walter B. Allen House will please govern themselves accordingly.

Mr. P. M. Jefferson has recently moved to his vacant land above Mr. Henry Boynton's a part of the large barn and several of the other small buildings connected with the old Jefferson homestead, and intends to arrange them into a pleasant home some time this season.

Messrs. Jackson, Halcome and Pemberton who have been in Jacksonville, Florida, during the winter, returned home on Monday and speak in glowing terms of the sunny South for a winter home.

Mrs. F. W. Greene has returned from a visit to her home in New Britain, Conn.

Miss H. Maria Abbott of the West Parish is spending a few weeks in Quincy, Ill.

Miss Clary from New Britain, Conn., is visiting her niece, Mrs. Greene.

Abbott Village.

The usual meeting of the Burns Club was held on Saturday evening last in the Village School-room. A long and interesting discussion took place on the Tariff question in its relation to the Flax industry.

The members of the A.C.C. have begun work on the levelling a piece of their ground suitable for their matches. A portion 30 yards long by 10 wide was selected and several very good creases will be obtained.

At the monthly meeting of the Andover Athletic Association in the Village School-room last Monday evening, fourteen young men were elected as members. The membership now amounts to forty three.

Mrs. R. Yule, wife of Mr. R. Yule boss carder in the Flax Mill died at her residence on Pearson St. Tuesday evening after a long and very severe illness. She was a native of Scotland.

Mr. Jos. A. Smart has been confined to his house by sickness.

Frye Village.

The services in the Hall were conducted by Mr. C. C. Torrey of the Seminary. Subject, Matt. 11:29. Notice was given that the new hymn book would be used at a praise meeting next Sunday evening.

Misses Jennie H. Graves, Emma L. Ward, Helen W. Battles, Jennie Birnie and Carrie L. Stott, teachers, attended the meeting of the Essex County Institute, which was held in Salem last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Middleton left here last Friday afternoon on a visit to New York and Paterson, N. J.

The Fire Engine Co. of the Smith & Dove Manufacturing Co. had their monthly practice last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Merrimac were on a visit to their parents last week.

Mr. Harry Tuttle of Merrimac visited Mr. Alexander Morrison, last week.

Mr. Charles Brackett left Monday afternoon for Pawnee City, Neb.

Mr. William Poor has just finished an open milk wagon which for workmanship is a beauty. It is for A. Choquette & Son, milk dealers, Lawrence. The Fire department has also purchased a hose-cart from the same manufacturer.

A football match between the Lawrence Club and the Boston Rovers was played Fast day on the Lawrence Cricket grounds; Lawrence 7, Rovers 1. On Saturday on the same grounds, the Lawrence Club and the Lowells; Lawrence 7, Lowells 1. The Lawrence Club go to Boston Saturday, 14th, to play the return match with the Boston. They also go to Lowell, Saturday, 21st, to play the return match with the Lowells.

Messrs. Joseph W. Smith, George W. W. Dove, William C. Donald and John W. Bell attended the meeting of the Congregational Club in Lowell, Monday evening.

The effects of the late Mrs. William Saunders are to be sold at auction at the house Saturday, April 21.

Opposition is the life of trade. We are to have two companies to try their level best to keep this part of the town cool during the coming summer with ice. The Messrs. Adams & Daw of Lawrence and B. F. Holt of Andover.

Mr. Andrew May who left here March 6 for California, returned home again Wednesday. He went by the Southern Pacific and came home by the Central Pacific railroad.

At a meeting of the Society of Christian Endeavor it was unanimously recommended that the money received from the proposed May breakfast should be appropriated in procuring a free bed in the Lawrence Hospital for the benefit of any who might need it in Andover.

BALLARDVALE

BALLARDVALE STATION, B. & M. R. R.
C. H. Marland, Agent.

BALLARDVALE TO BOSTON. A. M. 6.55; 7.51; 11.15.
P. M. 12.34; 2.14; 3.23; 4.30; 5.49; 9.44. Sunday: A. M. 8.38. P. M. 12.25; 5.08.
BALLARDVALE TO LOWELL. 7.51; 9.57; 10.40; 11.15.
P. M. 12.34; 1.45; 2.49; 3.23; 4.30; 5.55; 7.17; 9.44. Sunday: A. M. 8.38. P. M. 12.25; 5.08.
BALLARDVALE TO LAWRENCE. A. M. 6.57; 7.28; 8.18; 8.55; 10.19; 11.25. P. M. 12.48; 1.18; 3.37; 4.55; 5.40; 6.45; 7.26; 7.48. Sunday: A. M. 9.01. P. M. 6.08; 8.09.
BOSTON TO BALLARDVALE. A. M. 6.00; 7.30; 9.30; 10.25. P. M. 12.02; 2.30; 4.02; 5.00; 6.00; 6.35; 7.00; 11.00. Sunday: A. M. 8.00. P. M. 5.00; 7.00.
LOWELL TO BALLARDVALE. A. M. 7.10; 7.35; 8.35; 11.00. P. M. 1.00; 3.00; 4.00; 5.10; 6.15; 6.55; 11.10. Sunday: A. M. 8.20; P. M. 5.40; 7.30.
LAWRENCE TO BALLARDVALE. A. M. 6.40; 7.30; 9.40; 10.20; 11.00. P. M. 12.17; 1.10; 2.50; 3.00; 4.15; 5.40; (7.05 from So. Law.); 9.30. Sunday: A. M. 8.15. P. M. 12.10; 5.35.

Mr. Winslow Goodwin is the authorized agent of the TOWNSMAN in Ballardvale.

At the annual meeting of the Gun Club officers were elected as follows: W. H. Sleath Vice-President, W. F. Ward Treasurer, Messrs. Frosch, Neal and Shattuck, directors; the other officers same as last year. Shoots will be held every Saturday at five o'clock beginning April 21.

A street has been surveyed through the land of Mrs. B. T. Haynes from a point above Mrs. Winton's and running from and at right angles with Central St. This will give some available building lots near the centre of the village.

The Hollingworth place is to be sold at auction, April 28.

Mr. H. F. Wilson who is quite an expert in amateur photography "took" the J. P. Bradley No. 2 while working at the monthly trial Saturday. A blue print from the negative shows the stream, smoke and all as in motion and forms a unique picture.

Mrs. M. Reaky's house on Oak St. is being repaired.

The engine company have purchased dishes enough to set tables for seventy-five persons.

Wild ducks have been quite plentiful and Mr. Philip Noessel, one of our well-known sportsmen made a good bag one day last week.

Mr. Hines of the Seminary preached a forcible sermon from John 12:24 last Sunday at the Congregational church. Mr. Martin was attending Conference.

Mr. John P. Morgan is having the plans drawn for a two story house though he probably will not build at once.

Harry Kibbee has moved into the house on the old John Ashworth place. Mr. Kibbee dislocated his knee joint last week.

Mr. Grant Pemberton has returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where he wintered.

S. McCarty has been painting Mrs. Leonard's house on River St.

Our base-ball club will be known as the "Athletics." They are desirous of arranging games with clubs, whose members average eighteen years of age. Communications may be addressed to C. Kintz, manager.

An alarm was given at quarter past ten Saturday night for a burning barn on the old Cornell place now owned by Peter Shevlin, in the Phillips district, but before the steamer arrived it was totally destroyed with its contents—about two tons of hay, mowing machine, farm wagon and other articles. Mr. Shevlin puts the loss at \$500, insured for \$100. Had the wind been blowing in an opposite direction the house must have gone. The cause is unknown, but is supposed to have been incendiary. The terribly rough condition of the roads made hard wheeling for the steamer though the actual time on the road was not long. It was the same old trouble—slowness in getting started—which will continue until the town either provides horses or makes it worth while for horse owners to have their horses "run with the machine."

The body was brought here for burial yesterday, of Mr. Frank Kenny who died in Tilton, N. H., last December aged 52 years. He will be remembered here by older residents as an overseer of weaving in the Ballardvale mills from 1854 to 1871. For the past eight years he has been an overseer in the Granite Mills at Tilton. He was an uncle to Mrs. F. G. Haines and Mrs. J. S. Stark. A widow and one daughter survive him.

Catarrh, when chronic, becomes very offensive. It is impossible to be otherwise healthy, and at the same time, afflicted with catarrh. This disagreeable disease, in its most obstinate and dangerous forms, can be cured by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

NORTH ANDOVER.

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Geo. S. Spence, Agent.

TRAINS LEAVE FOR BOSTON. A. M. 7.30, 8.21, 9.33, 9.57. P. M. 12.14, 3.06, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 9.21. SUNDAY, A. M. 8.13, 11.57. P. M. 4.19, 5.36, 7.37.
LEAVE BOSTON FOR NORTH ANDOVER: A. M. 6.00, 7.30, 9.30, 12.02 P. M. 2.15, 3.20, 5.00; 6.00; 7.00; 11.00. P. M. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.00. P. M. 6.00, 7.00.
No. A. TO LOWELL: A. M. 7.30, 8.21, 9.33, 10.57. P. M. 12.14, 3.06, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 7.00, 9.21. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.13, 11.57. P. M. 4.19, 5.36, 8.37.
LOWELL TO No. A.: A. M. 7.10, 7.35. P. M. 12.15, 3.00, 3.40, 5.10, 6.15, 11.10. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.20. P. M. 7.30.
No. A. TO So. LAWRENCE. A. M. 7.30, 7.55, 8.21, 9.22, 9.33, 10.57, 11.57. P. M. 12.14, 12.30, 3.06, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 7.00, 9.21. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.13, 11.57. P. M. 4.19, 5.36, 8.37.
No. A. TO No. LAWRENCE. A. M. 7.55, 9.22, 11.57. P. M. 12.30, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 9.21. SUNDAY: A. M. 11.57. P. M. 5.36.
No. LAWRENCE TO No. A. A. M. 7.41, 7.50, 8.25. P. M. 1.00, 3.45, 5.50, 11.55. SUNDAY: A. M. P. M. 8.17.
No. A. TO SALEM: A. M. 7.48, 8.38. P. M. 1.07, 5.58.
SALEM TO No. A.: A. M. 7.00, 11.32. P. M. 4.43, 6.00.
GOING EAST: A. M. 8.37. P. M. 1.05, 4.18, 5.58. SUNDAY: 7.00 P. M.
No. A. TO HAVERHILL: A. M. 12.02, 7.15, 7.58, 8.37, 10.37. P. M. 1.05, 8.12, 3.55, 4.18, 5.58, 7.00, 8.05. SUNDAY: A. M. 9.18. P. M. 7.00, 8.25.
HAVERHILL TO No. A.: A. M. 7.17, 8.10, 9.10, 9.22, 10.45, 11.45. P. M. 12.02, 2.54, 3.50, 5.15, 6.45, 9.10. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.00, 11.45. P. M. 4.08, 5.35, 7.25.

The seating capacity of the Unitarian vestry was well tested Friday evening by those who wished to enjoy a sleighride, where there was neither sleigh nor snow; but the music of the sleighbells and snapping of the whips could be heard in reality as the merry party glided in imagination over the snow. When the house for which they were bound was reached, then began the music of the dance. The popping of the corks from the champagne bottles was heard while the supper was being prepared. The piano duet was played by Miss Virginia Stevens and Mrs. T. Osgood Wardwell, the cornet by Mr. Arthur White and the triangle by Miss Kate Stevens; Mr. Baker of Lowell sang a solo and Messrs. Peter Holt, Jr., F. E. Nason and Russell Bishop sang "We're all young fellows, brand new," both of which were encored and responded to; there was also singing by members of the singing school, from a book named "Encore." Ice cream was served by Allen Hinton and the evening's entertainment concluded with dancing.

The Young People's Literary and Social Society meet this (Friday) evening. The reading of Irving's Rip Van Winkle will be one of the features. It has been arranged by the committee to have a series of papers read at the different meetings on the workings of the various governmental departments.

Mr. Wm. McLean of Lowell spent Sunday with Mr. George A. Reed.

Colby's orchestra has been engaged to furnish music for the entertainment given by the lady friends of the Odd Fellows, April 20, and for the Ladies' Relief Corps, Lawrence, April 25.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Edmunds returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in Concord, N. H.

Twelve teachers from town attended a meeting of the Essex County Teachers' Association held in Salem, Friday.

Members of the Congregational church and Parish committee, together with representatives from the various societies of the church, met at the house of Hon. Geo. L. Davis, Friday evening, for the further consideration of holding an annual supper. After a discussion of the subject it was decided generally to have the supper in the vestry about the first of May, and that two members from each society be appointed to form a committee of arrangements.

At the meeting of the Soldiers and Sailors in the Selectmen's office, Friday evening, Mr. E. C. Buzzell was chosen chairman and Mr. H. A. Webster, secretary. Another meeting will be held at the same place, Friday evening, April 20, to perfect plans for Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Furber arrived home Saturday from their trip to Washington, D. C., and report a delightful time. There were over 300 people in the party and the pleasant weather and agreeable companions made the excursion a merry one.

There was a meeting of Co. I. 8th Infantry Friday evening, in Merrimac Hall to elect civil officers. Capt. Reeves called the meeting to order and Mr. David Halliday acted as clerk. The following officers were chosen by ballot to serve until the annual meeting in 1889: Treasurer, Mr. Frank W.

Frisbee; Standing Committee, Messrs David Halliday, Ralph Coleman, A. L. Fernandes, S. A. O'Brien; Finance Committee, Messrs. Ira D. Edgecomb, F. A. Coan and Charles Fernald. The first ballot resulted in a tie vote for the third man, between Messrs. John Somerville, Charles Fernald and C. W. Moulton; on a second ballot, Mr. Fernald was declared elected. Capt. Reeves and Messrs. Halliday, Frisbee and Fernandes were appointed a committee to draw up a constitution and to draft a set of by-laws, to be referred to the company at a future meeting. It was voted to authorize the officers and standing committee to open a list for honorary members. Mr. H. B. Dennett of Lawrence became an honorary member of the company.

Mrs. Mary E. Nicholl, died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Woodhouse, aged 69 years. She also leaves a son who lives in England. Funeral services were held at the house Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Walker of St. Paul's church officiating. The body was carried to Lawrence for interment.

The schools opened Monday and entered upon the summer arrangements, opening the afternoon session at two o'clock and closing at four.

At a special meeting of Wauwinet Lodge I.O.O.F., Saturday evening, it was decided to erect a hall.

The Peabody Academy of Science, Salem, acknowledges the accession of a portrait of Francis Boardman, Esq., a member of the East India Marine Society, the gift of Mrs. W. P. Phillips of No. Andover.

By order of the Library management, on and after May 2, until further notice, books will be conveyed to and from the Centre Post Office for the use of borrowers in that section of the town, under the same regulation as formerly existed.

Mr. J. N. Horne has purchased a house on Walnut St., Lawrence, to which he will soon remove.

Rev. Mr. Hodge returned from the Conference, Tuesday, and much to the satisfaction of his parishioners will remain pastor of the Methodist church another year.

Mr. William Jewett of Dedham is to have charge of the dyeing at the North Andover Mill in place of Mr. John Mitchell, who sails for England in May.

Mrs. William A. Johnson is visiting friends in East Boston.

Mr. John Clark returned from his journey Sunday, after gathering his customary cluster of trailing arbutus. He always appears with the first May flowers, but hardly ever waits until May to gather them.

A committee of ladies is assisting in preparing the programme for the Saturday evening meeting of the Total Abstinence Society. A farce, "A new broom sweeps clean," under the direction of Messrs. Moulton and Dunbar, is to be one of the features of the evening.

A gate has been placed across the private way near the Post Office at the depot.

Chief of police Rextrow and Officer Wall, while passing along Water St. early Tuesday evening, had their attention called to a flickering light in a shed near the Catholic church; on reaching the spot they found the building on fire, but succeeded in putting the fire out before any damage had been done. They found that kerosene had been generously sprinkled on the beams and sides of the shed and they also found two tins in which the oil had been. It is suspected that it was the prank of some mischievous youths.

An audience that filled the Unitarian vestry gathered last Friday evening, the occasion being the entertainment held by the Singing school. Songs by the school and by Mr. Baker, the teacher, were given and afterwards supper was served and a few dances enjoyed.

The Lawrence store of Mr. L. H. Downing of this town is to be taken as a part of the site of the new Coffee House.

Mr. McCoy who bought the Rebecca Barker place and was burned out a year ago, has removed to Methuen.

The next evening at the Grange will be "Dramatic night," and two plays, "The Obstinate Family" and "The Only Young Man in Town," will be given.

Captain Reeves and Lieutenants Weil and Warren passed a creditable examination in Boston, Wednesday and will receive their respective commissions in a few days. Co. I is to be congratulated on the election of officers who are competent to manage the affairs of the company without dictation from outsiders. There will be a meeting in the Odd Fellows Banquet Hall this (Friday) evening where the measures will be taken for the new uniforms.

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Mr. Richard Frayne died at his home on Sutton St., Wednesday of typhoid pneumonia aged 34 years. He came to this country from England when twelve years of age, and worked for some time in the Pacific Mills, Lawrence, afterward as wool sorter in Sutton's Mill where he made many friends. He leaves a daughter and one sister. Funeral services from the house Saturday at half past two o'clock, in charge of the Lawrence Lodge I.O.O.F. of which he was a member. Rev. Mr. Walker of St. Paul's church officiating. Interment at Lawrence.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society met with Mrs. J. B. Marston on Pleasant St., Wednesday afternoon.

AUCTION SALE

Personal Property
at the residence of the Rev. Charles Smith, deceased.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19,
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1 good driving horse, safe for ladies to drive, 1 black cutunder carryall in good condition built by Kimball Brothers, 1 Phaeton buggy, built by Sargent, 1 open buggy, built by Stowell, 1 light express wagon, 2 good light harnesses, 2 A-1 riding saddles and bridles, 1 wolfskin robe, woolen robes, horse blankets, wheelbarrow, grindstone, lot of ladders, lawn mowers, hay cutters and feed box, forks, shovels, rakes, garden seats, etc., etc. Household furniture consisting in part of Mineral cabinet, hat racks, pictures, 1 iron safe, chamber sets, Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, iron, several good bureaus, crockery ware, 1 Hallett & Davis piano if not sold at private sale previous to auction and various other articles to numerous to specify.

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No extra charge for Reserved Seats. Seats on sale at the Andover Book Store, April 14.

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Look for advertisement of Auction Sale of Real and Personal estate of Miss M. F. Hollingsworth, at Ballard Vale, in next weeks issue of the Townsman, Sale to take place on April 28th.

Property can be examined any-time after the 23rd inst. Call at the house.

Miss M. F. HOLLINGSWORTH.

Also same day as above, at Ballard Vale, House and Land, of Thomas Conway. Full particulars in next weeks issue.

Both by

GEORGE S. COLE,
AUCTIONEER.

POETRY.

The Parents' "Only Child."

(A True Incident of the South.)
The evening meeting over, my dusky flock arose,
And quietly went out, save one—a woman. "Fore I goes
Please, sah, I'd like to ax ye, Oh, would ye, could ye,
sah,
Jus' come to my ole cabin, please, an' see my ole
man dar?"
So old, and bent, and trembling, she scarce could
raise her head.
I took her wrinkled hands in mine, "Of course I'll
go," I said.
"And early in the morning." "Oh, will ye honey,
now?"
I se tole him all about ye, sah—he's sick, an' that is
how
"He can't come here to meetin'; he's berry anxious
though
To see ye, an' ye won't forget—an' early, please, ye
know."
And two, and three, and four times—"Ye's sho to
come!" she cried,
And two, and three, and four times—"Yes, Annty,"
I replied.
At nine o'clock next morning I rapped upon her
door.
"Ye'r come at last! thank God!" said she, "we's
looked for ye before.
I tole him ye said early."—"And could I earlier be?"
"Why bless ye, sah, we's looked an' watched since
twelve—has him an' me."
She took me to the bedside,—most touching was the
sight
Of the old black face and wrinkled hands in frame
of pillows white.
"He's here! he's come,—the preacher I se tole yer
'bout!" she said.
He raised his eyes,—"An' would ye mind to set on
de ole man's bed?
There, sitting close beside him, I listened while he
told
Of scenes in by-gone years, those scenes so vivid to
the old.
He told of crushing sorrows which he, a slave, had
borne;
How ties so strong 'tween kindred hearts most ruth-
lessly were torn.
"Oh, how I prayed, young Massa! I prayed de Lord
dat He
Might let me go to dat good lan' whar ebery soul
war free,
But 'stead ob going to freedom, why, freedom come
to me.
Oh yes, I trusted in de Lord, He done it all ye see."
With hands in patience folded, and tearful eyes
upturned,
He raised his quivering voice and sang this song in
childhood learned:
"Oh, yes, de ole religion
Am good enuff fer me.
'Twas nuff fo' Paul an' Silas,
'Twas nuff fo' Paul an' Silas,
'Twas nuff fo' Paul an' Silas,
An' it's good enuff fo' me."
As the last sweet strains ascended to God in heaven
on high,
The woes of earth seemed very small, not worth a
tear or sigh.
Then—"Mr. Preacher, I reckon ye'll hark to a leetle
more—
I wants to tell 'bout my only chile. Oh, but my
heart is sore
At thought of him a-wanderin' around I knows not
whar.
But it's liquor dat keeps de boy awy, so far from
his mudder dar—
An' we's prayin'—yes, we's prayin' mornin' an'
noon an' night,
That our pore weak chile may be saved at las', an'
walk in de path ob light.
"But, Massa, dis worl' is slippin' away from us bery
fas',
An' wot will become of our only boy when our
prayers mus' stop at las'?"
Oh, sah, might I ax ye somethin'? at night when ye
kneel an' pray
Could ye please say a leetle 'bout de lad who's goin'
so far away?
We'd die so happy, Massa, ef ye'll only say ye will."
I promised him most solemnly, and I keep that
promise still.
In three short months these people—these saints of
humble birth,
Closed tired eyes, to open them no more upon this
earth.
Their "only chile" still wanders, but still each morn
and night,
I say my promised prayer for him, with faith that
'twill all be right.

—C. L. Brine
in New England Magazine.

SELECTIONS.

A sleighing Party from Andover to Haverhill.

It happened in my school days, just as
hundreds of other things happened, and is
remembered by me just as freshly as
though it only happened yesterday. Yes,
a lot of us resolved on a sleigh ride from
Andover to Haverhill, about ten miles
distant. We had severally extended an
invitation to an equal number of young
ladies, and everything was nicely arranged.
Then we hired a large sleigh drawn by
four or six horses, with seating capacity
for a dozen or fifteen couples. Packed
away in furs and buffalo robes, such joy-
ous companies as used to go out upon the
road are not to be met with now. We
had a four-horse sleigh, with all the warm
equipments, and about dark we set off on
our carnival of fun. Did we have fun?

Well, yes, I should say so; but as the
thing wound up, I thing I will not dwell
upon our journey in detail, but with the
simple assertion that we were all happy
enough to fly. I will allow a few hours
to elapse at this point.

Arriving at Haverhill, we put up at the
old hotel, where warm parlors, good sup-
pers and the presence of other sleighing
parties quite as happy as we were made
a round of delight that was almost enchan-
ting. Then followed a dance.

It was past 12 o'clock when the danc-
ing ceased and our sleigh ordered to the
door. The other parties were also on the
point of retiring, and a general, joy-
ous confusion reigned in that old-time
tavern. Such a hunting for cloaks, bon-
nets (they wore bonnets then) and furs.
Such a buttoning up and muffling; such
odd blunders made by the boys who were
trying to assist the girls. Well, well, we
are all older now.

At last the announcement was made that
a sleigh was at the door, and, laughing,
singing, hugging, crowding and noisy, we
bade the landlord good night and bundled
into the sleigh. The driver was impa-
tient, and so were the horses, and the
moment we were in away they flew like a
scud.

But this time clouds had obscured the
moon, and a snow storm was in good
working order. But this did not interfere
with our pleasure much—on the contrary,
it gave us a chance of shielding our part-
ners from the driving snow.

The jingling bells and the creaking
snow chimed with the laughing belles
and beaux. Onward we flew, all muffled
up under cover, and taking no interest in
the landscape or the beauties outside of
our sleigh; and as the bitter cold began
to tell upon the party it contracted its
hilarity until conversation was carried on
in whispers.

Presently the sleigh drove up to a house
and stopped. As a natural consequence
we looked up. But we could see nothing
that looked natural, and wondered why
the driver had halted.

"Come," said he, "hurry up. I'm freez-
ing."

"Well, why don't you go ahead then?"
we asked.

"So I will as soon as Jo Smith and his
gal get out," he replied.

"What!" we exclaimed; and then
George Dove and Tom Jones ventured
the suggestion that our driver was drunk.

"Well, are you going to get out?" again
yelled the driver, through his muffer.

"What are you fooling about?"
"What are you fooling about? Drive
on," we replied.

"Is Smith going to get out?"

"There is no Smith here," we replied.

"All right; I can stand it if you can,"
he replied, gruffly, at the same time start-
ing his horses again, leaving us still in a
quandry as to what he meant. Presently
he stopped again and we poked our heads
up.

"What is this, driver?" we asked.

"Why, here is Lawrence's house," he
replied.

"Who is Lawrence?"

Again the driver acted as though he
was mad.

"All right, young chaps. If you can
stand it I can," saying which he started
up again, and we voted him badly drunk—
and while wondering how it would eventu-
ate, he stopped at another house.

"Come, now, Sanborn, tumble out," he
yelled.

"What is the meaning of this, driver?
There are none of the parties here for
whom you have called," we contended.

The driver turned around on his high
seat, and took a solemnly earnest look at
us.

"Who are you, that's what I'd like to
know!"

"Why, you must be a demented idiot,
not to know your own party," we mildly
suggested.

"And what a lot of young sap-heads you
must be not to know where you live," he
retorted.

"We do know. This is't Andover."

"Andover! Why, of course, it is't
Andover—it's Methuen."

"Then why don't you go to Andover?"

What the dickens brings you away around
here, 10 miles out of the way? we asked.

"You are a set of fools. Did't I take
you from here to-night, and have't I
brought you back again?" he demanded.

"No; you took us from Andover."

The driver leaped down from his seat
mad enough to fight and came to us for a
close inspection. The result of that in-
spection was to convince us that we had
made a sad mistake and had got into the
sleigh belonging to a Methuen party; and
that party was in all probability on the
road to Andover. There we were, and
the driver refused to budge a rod further
in that storm. So there was no other al-
ternative but to drive to the tavern, rouse
the landlord and negotiate for a stay
all night, which we did, and the very
thing, in fact, that the Methuen party in
our sleigh did when they arrived at And-
over. It took all the next day to get right
again; but whenever we went sleighing
after that we put a tag on our driver so
that we might not mistake him.

Florida Santerings.

From one of Kate Sanborn's very inter-
esting letters in the Boston *Advertiser*, we
take an extract describing a trip up the St.
John's River:

From Jacksonville, which was still gorge-
ously decorated after the visit of the
presidential party, we went to "Green
Cove Springs," where, as usual, we were
welcomed in large letters on an archway.
It almost filled my eyes with tears at first,
to be so openly and heartily welcomed;
but at last I got used to it, and even be-
gan to connect this with the gulls who
followed us so attentively. Green Cove
Springs is as good a place to stay in as one
can ask. All the hotels are good. We
tried the Clarendon, and were perfectly
cared for. The springs there are per-
meated with sulphur. The baths are
doubtless beneficial, the water to drink,
ditto. It certainly smells bad enough to
be medicinal. The water is so clear you
can see to the bottom and watch the bub-
bling spring below. The guests seemed
to be quite venerable, and well-to-do—not
many youthful strangers. Borden, of con-
densed milk fame, has made a very beau-
tiful park near by for his little daughters,
and all are allowed to go through it on the
way to "St. David's Walk," a path lead-
ing through the live oaks on the water's
edge to Magnolia, another noted resting
place. Everybody and everything breaks
out in poetry here! They can't help it.
It just seems to ooze out unconsciously.

In the park we read:—

Please enjoy,
But not destroy,
Little Marion Borden's Park.

And even a big barrel, set out in front
of a store for refuse matters, greets us
with a rhyme.

"Stranger, pause and pity me!
Observe my wide, extended mouth;
Feed me with trash and orange peel,
I'll bless the day you started South."

In my enervated condition, I judge that
to be poetry, and here is another "wel-
come" in verse:

Sportman with your rod and gun,
Pleasure seekers after fun,
Invalids who bask in sun,
Orange planters, every one—
All hail to Florida.

Many of these effusive welcomes had
printed underneath, "Read the other
side." I was shy at first, fearing it might
be a new method of advertising Mrs. Har-
riet Hubbard Ayers' "Vita Anova" or
"Warner's Safe Cure;" but discovered by
furtive glances that it only was kindly in-
tended to lead us to the best hotel. Every
one was playing "Hearts" at the Claren-
don. It was a new game there, and old
and young men were deeply engrossed,
putting up a very modest amount.

We next went to Palatka, and to Mr.
Oscar Barron's famous hotel, the Putnam
House, where we ate the best dinner since
leaving home, in his large, cheerful dining
room, which is decorated in a unique man-
ner, Northern cat-tails blending with the
feathery grass-plumes of the South; bright
autumn leaves from the White Mountain
region, in pretty designs on the white
walls, and Japanese fans and parasols in
every sort of fashion. We found nearly
500 guests there at dinner, and every
room full. So we resolved to start that
afternoon for a run by sail to Silver Spring,
where we at last arrived, having travelled
the last six miles on or in a baggage car.
One man had no better seat than a large
sack containing ice. He thought what he
had heard of the sudden fall in the tem-
perature was true; but at last discovered
what caused the coolness, and protested
against travelling on ice as a little pre-
mature.

We arrived at the Silver Spring Hotel
decidedly shaken up and weary. The lake,

or head of the Silver River, is worth speak-
ing of. The water is so absolutely clear that
as you ride over it in a row-boat you can
see down 80 feet. Watch the water com-
ing out of the green rocks; observe the
fish as they glide about, and the grass,
which is often five feet high. There are
six different springs in this lake, a rarely
beautiful sight. It is lighted up every
night with beacons of the light wood, which
are so effective against the sombre back-
ground of the live oaks "bearded" with
moss. But to see those in all their weird
solemnity one must go down the "Ockla-
waha."

WHAT THE DEACON WAS GOOD FOR.—
Rev. E. A. Dickinson, editor of the *Re-
ligious Herald* of Richmond, Va., was tell-
ing the Philadelphia Baptist Association
the other day how necessary it was to en-
list the active services of every member
of a congregation, when some one per-
tinently asked:

"What are you going to do with a man
who can't do anything?"

"That's a mistake," said the reverend
journalist. "Every man is of some use.
If he can't do one thing he can another.
The point is to find out just what he is fit
for, and having found it set him at it.
This recalls an actual experience I once
had in a backwoods congregation in Vir-
ginia. It was my first visit among the
people and I was anxious to make it suc-
cessful. It should be remembered that
church in the backwoods means a gather-
ing of all the people and a good many
dogs. After the opening hymn I called on
old Deacon Bland to lead in prayer.

"Taint no use askin' me," he said, "I
can't do it."

"Suppose you start the next hymn,
then."

"Can't sing either."

"How about taking up the collection?
I guess you can manage that."

"No, I'm a bad hand at getting round.
Better get some one else."

"Noticing that the old fellow carried a
stout walking-stick, an idea was sug-
gested.

"Well, brother, do you think you are
able to keep out the dogs?"

"You bet I ar," he confidently replied.

Then taking a seat at the door he bat-
tled with the brutes throughout the meeting,
and after it was over more than one of
the congregation were followed home by
yelping curs with broken limbs."

Every man has his sphere of usefulness.
—*Philadelphia Bulletin*.

BOOKS AND READING.

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Alger, Horatio, Jr. Tom Tem- ple's Career.	714.16
Appleton, D. & Co. Apple- ton's Cyclopaedia of Ameri- can Biography. Edited by James G. Wilson, and John Fiske.	*551.5-7
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The *Andover Review* for April is re-
ceived, with an inviting table of contents
on its blue cover. The first article is by
Prof. Hincks on the Teaching of the
Apostle Peter concerning the scope of
Christianity, in which he argues that that
apostle taught not only "the reality and
momentousness of future retribution,"
but also that the judgment of the quick
and the dead must have "its moral founda-
tion in an impartial preaching of
Christ." Evolution and Ethical Prob-
lems is by J. H. Hyslop of Johns Hop-
kins. Rev. Wm. T. Herridge of Ottawa,
Canada, contributes a paper of great
value on Beethoven. The paper on the
Armaments of Europe by Frederic G.
Mather of Albany, with its statistics and
suggestions, is of special interest at this
time. Mental Narcotics and Stimulants,
by Dr. John H. Denison of Williamstown,
discusses in a very thoughtful way dif-
ferent points in Mind-cure or Christian
Science. Notable editorial topics are The
use of the word "Probation," the Future
of American Politics, and the German
Succession. Dr. Archibald Duff of Aire-
dale College, England, sends A Study in
the history of Hebrew Religion full of
rich thought. The book Notices include
Smith's Dictionary of Christian Biog-
raphy, the life of Commodore Perry and
Victorian Poets. [Houghton, Mifflin &
Co., Boston; \$4 a year.]

We have from the courteous Librarian
at the State House, Mr. C. B. Tillinghast,
the current *Manual for the General Court*,
which is always an invaluable reference
book not only as to legislative men and
matters of the present and past, but as to
statistics of all the towns and all the public
institutions of the state.

We also have the 25th *Annual Report of
the Massachusetts Agricultural College*.
Besides valuable scientific papers, con-
nected with agriculture, it contains the in-
formation that Francis Howe Foster and
Jonathan Edward Holt of Andover are
members of the Senior Class, and Edward
Abijah Fuller, of North Andover, a mem-
ber of the Sophomore Class. F. H. Fos-
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OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

The Churches.

Rev. Frederic Palmer began his service as Rector of Christ church by preaching an able and appropriate sermon upon the work of the church, comparing it to the city of Ezekiel's vision (Eze. 48:30-35)—"The goings out of the city—and the name of the city, The Lord is there." The evening service was accompanied by an extempore address upon Gal. 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit."

The new pastor at the Baptist church preached from Isa. 30:18, the Lord waiting to be gracious.

At the South church, Mr. Blair's topic in the morning was The Fatherhood of God (1 Cor. 8:6, first clause), and in the evening, Renunciation of the past (Matt. 8:22).

At the Free church, Rev. Chas. J. Ryder, Secretary of the American Missionary Association presented the work of that Society in the South—in the morning speaking of the freedmen, and in the evening of the mountain whites.

Mr. Greene of the West Parish preached from John 13:37. A special meeting of the Christian Endeavor society was held at the close of the Sunday school and chose a committee of five to meet with the committees of the sister societies in town to make arrangements for a May breakfast. These persons were chosen: William Trow, James Morton, George Dodson, Misses Ella Holt and Amy F. Battles.

At the church of St. Augustine, Father Ryan preached on the Saviour's blessing His disciples on the Resurrection evening—"Peace be unto you."

At the Chapel church, Professor Tucker preached from Luke 19:10, For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost. The text is one of several answers to the natural questions: Why is Christianity here? Why did the Son of man come? Why another religion added to all the others? Because men are lost—separated from God, fallen from their own high nature. Because Christianity believes that men can be saved—lost, but confronted by a great hopefulness, by a power sufficient to meet the power of sin. Because Christianity is willing to take pains to save men; it is the religion of the Divine Search; the religion of God's patience seeking for a lost man until he find him. The preacher stated that he should speak upon other answers to the question on the following Sabbaths. In the afternoon, the incident of the woman who touched the hem of Christ's garment (Luke 8:46, "Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me"), was used to illustrate the true conception of God. His nature is sensitive to what is personal and individual; no one has such a power with God as he who wants God; it is always best to allow God to finish what he begins.

Seminary students officiated last Sabbath at the following places: Mr. F. P. Batchelder at West Gloucester; Mr. F. B. Hines at Ballardvale; Mr. W. Slade at Tower Hill church; Mr. G. F. Kennigott at Riverside church; and Mr. D. McDermid at South church, Lawrence; Mr. W. A. Anderson at Chelmsford; Mr. L. D. Bliss at Shirley; Mr. C. M. Clark at Rochester, N. H.; Mr. W. I. Cole at Wilton, N. H.; Mr. T. M. Edmonds at Auburn, R. I.; Mr. E. A. Keep at Thorndike; Mr. H. G. Mank at Gilverville; Mr. E. W. Shurtleff at Merrimack, M. H.; Mr. A. D. Smith at Westminster church, Manchester, N. H.; Mr. E. B. Stiles at Highland Methodist church, Lowell; Mr. H. D. Ward at Methuen.

Rev. R. G. Seymour, D.D., the well-known pastor of the Ruggles St. Baptist church in Boston has resigned, on account of ill-health.

The Dane St. church, Beverly, has invited Mr. Sherrod Soule of New York to its pastorate.

Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard of Chicopee Falls has been installed pastor of the Evangelical church at Gloucester.

Rev. John T. Whalley, of the Riverside and Tower Hill Church, Lawrence, has resigned his pastorate to accept that of the Plymouth Church at Colfax, Washington Territory.

Armour Mission.

A friend has handed us a letter from Chicago which gives facts of interest concerning the "Armour Mission," which has accomplished very much for "the masses" in that city. It is wholly supported, as we understand it, by that famous business house in Chicago, whose name it bears. Such a statement needs no comment as showing the incalculable usefulness of such an institution as this, though quietly conducted, to educate the so called "dangerous classes" against the surrounding forces of ignorance, intemperance, and anarchy.

We have a daily kindergarten, 100; scholars; a daily dispensary, 600 and 800 per month; Sabbath morning service for children, 400 to 500 present; Sunday school in afternoon, 1000 to 1200 present; evening service, 700 to 900 present; monthly temperance meetings; Literary Societies for debates, addresses, etc.; Children's Busy Bee Society; Christian Temperance Society, 500 members; a Choral society for all who wish to sing or hear; besides Friday evening prayer meeting, socials of various types, and a Boys' Club just being organized, for boys from 14 to 20 years old. We are also just organizing an industrial school for girls, and a modelling school for boys, to be held two hours on Saturday. We have a reading-room, publish a paper, have annual picnic, Christmas and Easter festivals, etc. Mr. Phillip D. Armour has reared our Mission and built 90 flats to provide for the running expenses. The work thus far has cost him about \$350,000; he will probably put in as much more before he is through.

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ANDOVER TO LOWELL. A. M. 7.40 arrive in Lowell 8.32; 8.33 ar. 9.00; 9.51 ar. 10.35; 10.35 ar. 11.00; 11.10 ar. 11.39. P. M. 12.26 ar. 1.03; 1.35 ar. 2.35; 2.44 ar. 3.12; 3.18 ar. 3.45; 4.25 ar. 5.05; 5.59 ar. 6.15; 7.12 ar. 7.42; 9.09 ar. 10.10. SUNDAY: A. M. 7.49 ar. 8.15; 9.43 ar. 10.18. P. M. 12.20 ar. 12.50; 4.32 ar. 5.00; 5.53 ar. 6.25; 7.51 ar. 8.20.

LOWELL TO ANDOVER. A. M. 7.10 ar. in Andover 7.52; 7.53 ar. 8.23; 8.25 ar. 9.00; 11.00 ar. 11.30. P. M. 12.15 ar. 12.44; 1.00 ar. 1.23; 3.00 ar. 3.42; 3.40 ar. 4.05; 5.10 ar. 5.45; 6.15 ar. 6.47; 6.55 ar. 7.31; 11.10 ar. 11.45. SUNDAY: 8.20 ar. 9.06. P. M. 5.40 ar. 6.14; 7.30 ar. 8.05.

ANDOVER TO LAWRENCE. A. M. 7.02, 7.32, 8.23, 9.00, 10.24, 11.30. P. M. 12.44, 1.23, 3.00, 3.42, 4.05, 5.00, 5.45, 6.47, 7.31, 7.53. SUNDAY: A. M. 9.06. P. M. 6.14, 6.47, 8.05.

LAWRENCE TO ANDOVER. A. M. 6.40, 7.30, 7.55, 8.20, 9.35, 9.40, 10.20, 11.00. P. M. 12.15, 12.17, 1.10, 2.00, 2.35, 3.00, 4.15, 5.40, 7.02*, 7.05*, 9.30. SUNDAY: 7.40, 8.15. P. M. 12.10, 4.25*, 5.37, 7.44*.

*From South side.

ANDOVER TO SALEM. A. M. 7.32, arrive in Salem 8.40. P. M. 12.53 ar. 2.03; 5.45 ar. 6.55.

SALEM TO ANDOVER. A. M. 7.00 arrive in Andover, 8.33; 11.32 ar. 1.35. P. M. 4.43 ar. 5.50; 6.00 ar. 7.12. Via Wakefield Junction, 10.35 ar. 11.30; 1.05 ar. 3.00.

GOING EAST. A. M. 7.02 H. 7.32 N. 8.23, 9.00, 10.24 H. P. M. 12.53 N. 1.23, 3.42 N. 4.05, 5.45, 6.47 N. 7.53 H. SUNDAY: A. M. 9.06 H. P. M. 6.47, 8.05 H.

H. to Haverhill only. N. connects to Newburyport.

GOING NORTH, VIA MANCHESTER. A. M. 8.23. P. M. 12.44, 3.00, 5.45. SUNDAY: A. M. 9.06. P. M. 6.47.

ANDOVER POST OFFICE.

WM. G. Goldsmith, P. M.

MAILS CLOSE: for Boston, New York, South and West, 7, 9.20, 12, 6.45; for Lawrence, 8.00, 3.45; for East, 8, 3.45; for North, 8, 9.20, 3.45.

MAILS OPEN: from Boston, 8, 9, 1.30, 3.30, 5, 7.15; from Lawrence, 8.30, 1.30, 6, 7.45; from East, 1.30, 7.45; from North, 1.30, 6.

HOURS: 7 A. M. to 8 P. M. Money order office, 8 A. M. to 5.30 P. M. Legal Holidays, open 8 to 9.30 A. M.

THE MARKETS.

Local Retail Markets.

Corrected Weekly by Andover Dealers.

Flour, Haxall.	\$5.75 to \$6.00
" St. Louis.	5.00 to 5.25
Corn, per bag.	1.45
Mehl " "	1.35
" oat, per lb.	31-2c. to 41-2c.
Oats, per bag.	95c. to 1.00c.
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	\$1.20 to \$1.25
Tea.	25c. to 80c.
Coffee.	24c. to 33c.
Sugar, gran.	71-2c. to 8c.
" brown.	8c. to 7c.
Butter.	22c. to 35c.
Cheese.	16c. to 17c.
Eggs.	to 22c.
Lard.	10c. to 11c.
Potatoes, per bu.	to \$1.10
Onions, " peck.	60c.
Beans, " "	60c. to 85c.
Cranberries, per bu.	\$2.50 to 3.20
Apples, per bbl.	\$1.50 to 2.50
Ham, per lb.	12c. to 14c.
Pork, roast.	12c. to 14c.
" salt.	14c.
Beef, roast.	10c. to 28c.
" steak.	15c. to 28c.
Lamb roast.	14c. to 20c.
" chops.	15c. to 25c.
Veal.	10c. to 20c.
Sausages.	12 to 14c.
Chickens.	15c. to 25c.
Fowls.	17c.
Turkeys.	17c. to 20c.
Codfish.	6c. to 10c.
" dry.	7c. to 11c.
Halibut.	12c. to 18c.
Haddock.	4c. to 6c.
Clams, per qt.	25c.
Oysters, " "	30c. to 40c.
Hay, per 100 lbs.	85c. to \$1.00
Straw, " "	\$1.10 to \$1.20
Coal, furnace, per ton.	\$7.00
" egg.	\$7.25
" stove.	\$7.50
Wood, hard, per cord.	\$6.00 to \$6.50
" soft, " "	\$4.50

Special Notices.

Closing lecture of Rev. E. A. Lawrence's course at Bartlet Chapel this (Friday) evening, 7 o'clock; subject, The Church and Missions.

Andover Brass Band Concert, Town Hall, this (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock.

Republican Caucus, Saturday evening, 7.45 o'clock.

Prof. Tucker will preach at the Seminary church next Sabbath.

Andover Auxiliary of Woman's Board of Missions at South church vestry, Tuesday, April 17, 3 P. M. Subject, Micronesia.

Camilla Urso's Concert, Monday evening, April 23.

Creamery meeting of Farmers' Club, Thursday evening, April 26.

Haverty's & Churchill's Comedy Co. at Town Hall, Wednesday evening, April 18.

Annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at South Church vestry, Thursday, April 19, 3.15 P. M. Mrs. J. C. Eastman will speak on Social Purity. The ladies of Andover are cordially invited to be present.

Advertised Letters, April 9, 1888.

Adams, A. B. Lynch, Mary
Abbott, W. B. (2) McMullen, Annie
Bullard, L. H. McTernan, Ida M.
Bundy, M. Mathews, C.
Barnard, D. Pike, P. D.
Betts, Geo. A. Penny, W. F.
Caldwell, C. A. Playdon, A. G.
Canfield, F. C. Snell, H. L. W.
Clark, Eddie Stevens, Emma
Gilbert, Loom C. Upton, S. B.
Hayward, S. K. Wilkinson, Jos.
Hutchins, A. D. Woodward, J. F.
Hart, John Underwood, John
WILLIAM G. GOLDSMITH, P. M.

BIRTHS.

In Andover, April 2, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sheehan.

In Andover, April 3, a daughter to Mr. Mrs. W. A. Anderson.

In Andover, April 7, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Law.

In Ballardvale, April 7, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brown.

In North Andover, April 7, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn.

In North Andover, April 11, a son to Mr. and Mrs. David Jones.

MARRIAGES.

In Boston, April 10, by Rev. A. H. Amory of Lawrence, Mr. Walter Buck of Andover, and Miss Mary W. Lawrie of Boston.

In Andover, April 12, by Rev. J. J. Ryan, Mr. Charles E. Galloway of Boston and Miss Mary J. Lynch of Andover.

DEATHS.

In Andover, (West Parish), George A. Livingston, son of Mrs. Asa W. Livingston, aged 15 years.

In Andover, April 10, Mrs. Agnes (Kearney), wife of Mr. Robert Yule, aged 36 years.

In North Andover, April 6, Mrs. Mary E. Nicholl, aged 60 years, 5 months, and 8 days.

In North Andover, April 11, of typhoid pneumonia, Richard Frayne, aged 34 years.

Persons calling will please give the date of this list.

Republican Caucuses.

The Republicans of Andover are requested to meet in the Town Hall, Andover, Saturday evening, April 14, at 7.45 o'clock, to choose delegates to State and District Conventions.

Per order REPUBLICAN TOWN COM.

Probate.

HAVERHILL, April 9. Inventories filed. Clinton C. Barker of No. Andover, a minor, real estate, \$11,729. No personal estate.

We extend congratulations to our townsman, Mr. Walter Buck, whose marriage to Miss Mary W. Lawrie of Boston, daughter of William Lawrie, Esq. of Boston is registered in the appropriate column. Mr. and Mrs. Buck are to reside in Andover.

The Senate has passed an amendment including Memorial Day among the holidays when the sale of liquor is prohibited. The House rejected the bill to divide the old town of Deerfield (giving "Cheapside" to Greenfield), and refused to consider the vote by which the "Brooks" petitioners in Medford had leave to withdraw.

The Towns Around us.

Amesbury puts a cheerful courage on, and will rebuild at once, the firms that remain hiring all the hands, and filling all orders.

There was a camp-fire in the Salem Skating Rink on Monday night, lighted under the auspices of Phil Sheridan Post. It was the anniversary of Lee's surrender at Appomattox, and the boys in blue lived over in speech and story and song those last eventful days of the war.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that the subscribers have been duly appointed Executors of the will of David Snow, late of Andover in the County of Essex, deceased, testate, and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bonds, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to WILLIAM A. HASKELL, ELLEN C. SNOW, EXECUTORS.

P. O. Address, 102 Hanover Street, Boston, Mass.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Essex, ss. To the Next of Kin, Creditors, and all other Persons interested in the Estate of Mercer C. Dunn, late of Andover, in said County, deceased, Intestate:

GREETING:

WHEREAS, application has been made to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased, to Frank M. Bailey of Watertown, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth aforesaid, and to exempt him from giving a surety or sureties on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Salem, in said County of Essex, on the third Monday of April, next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same.

And said Frank M. Bailey is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, printed at Andover, the last publication to be two days at least before said Court.

Witness, GEORGE F. CHOATE, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

J. T. MAHONEY, REGISTER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Essex, ss. To the Widow, Heirs-at-law, Next of Kin, and all other Persons interested in the Estate of William Hardy, late of Andover, in said County, farmer, deceased:

GREETING:

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by Edward S. Hardy, and Fred L. Hardy who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them the executors therein named, and that they may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on their bond, for the reasons alleged in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Salem, in said County of Essex, on the third Monday of April, next, at nine o'clock, before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, printed at Andover, the last publication to be two days at least before said Court.

Witness, GEORGE F. CHOATE, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

J. T. MAHONEY, REGISTER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Essex, ss. To the Heirs-at-law, Next of Kin, and all other Persons interested in the estate of Mary Ann Flint, late of Andover, in said County, widow, deceased.

GREETING:

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by John H. Flint, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him the executor therein named, and that he may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on his bond, for the reasons alleged in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Salem, in said County of Essex, on the first Monday of May next, at nine o'clock, before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said John H. Flint is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, printed at Andover, the last publication to be two days at least before said Court.

Witness, GEORGE F. CHOATE, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this tenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

J. T. MAHONEY, REGISTER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Essex, ss. To the Heirs-at-law, Next of Kin, and all other Persons interested in the Estate of C. Estella Gould, late of Andover, in said County (wife of Milo H. Gould) deceased.

GREETING:

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by Milo H. Gould, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him the executor therein named, and that he may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on his bond, for the reasons alleged in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lawrence, in said County of Essex, on the second Monday of May, next, at nine o'clock, before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said Milo H. Gould is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, printed at Andover, the last publication to be two days at least before said Court.

Witness, GEORGE F. CHOATE, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this tenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

J. T. MAHONEY, REGISTER.

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